(c) The total 9th Plan (1997-98 — 2001-2002) outley earmarked for the Growth Centre Scheme is Rs. 307 crores.

Sick Industrial units in Maharashtra

333. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE:Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of large, medium and small industrial units in Maharashtra which was sick on 31.1.2000, alongwith their number in each category;

(b) the amount already spent on sick industrial units in each category; and

(c) the steps being taken to make such units profitable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are compiled by the Reserve Bank of India. According to the latest available report, as at the end of March, 1999, the position of industry sickness in the State of Maharashtra and outstanding bank credit is as follows:—

(Rs. in crore)

Category	No. of Units	Outstanding Bank Credit
1. SSI-sick	13373	510.39
2. Non-SSI sick/Weak	495	2635.79
TOTAL:	13868	3146.18

(c) The Government has taken a number of steps for revival of sick industrial units which, *inter-alia*, include, guidelines of Reserve Bank of India to banks, amalgamation of sick units with healthy units, setting up of Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provision), Act, National Renewal Fund, National Equity Fund etc.

Export of Chilly from Andhra Pradesh

334. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the spices Board has not given adequate attention to the chilly exprots from Andhra Pradesh;